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Discovering and Optimizing the Best from Nature

# Comprehensive Optimization of Antibody Therapeutics by Directed Evolution

Monoclonal Antibody Therapeutics for BEID Workshop

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# Diversa Platforms

## DISCOVERY



## EVOLUTION



## MARKETS



**ALTERNATIVE  
ENERGY**



**HEALTH  
& NUTRITION**



**INDUSTRIAL  
PROCESSES**

# DIVERSA Pharma Strategic Partnerships



**Antibody  
optimization**

***MEDAREX***

**Enhanced antibody  
functionality**

**syngenta**

**Multi-project  
relationship**

**XOMA**

**Multi-project  
relationship**



**Bio-Defense  
Grants**

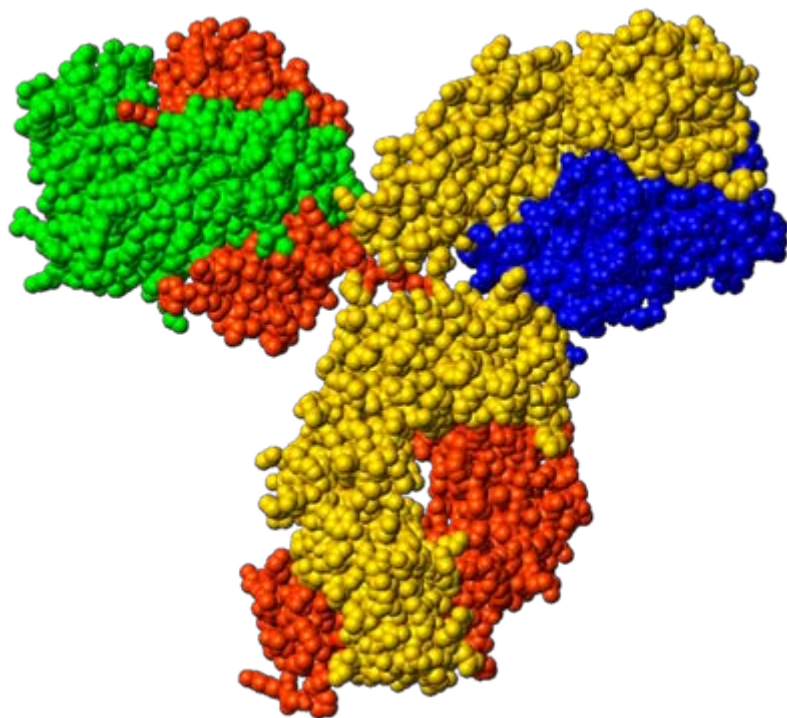
# Antibody Optimization





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## DirectEvolution® Technologies



- Affinity
- Functional Activity
- Stability (thermal, pH, protease)
- Expression
- Effector Functions
- Immunogenicity
- Solubility
- Serum Half-Life
- Conjugates

# Diversa's Technology Platforms For Antibody Optimization

## DirectEvolution<sup>®</sup> Technologies

**GSSM<sup>™</sup>**  
**Technology**

**GeneReassembly<sup>™</sup>**  
**Technology**

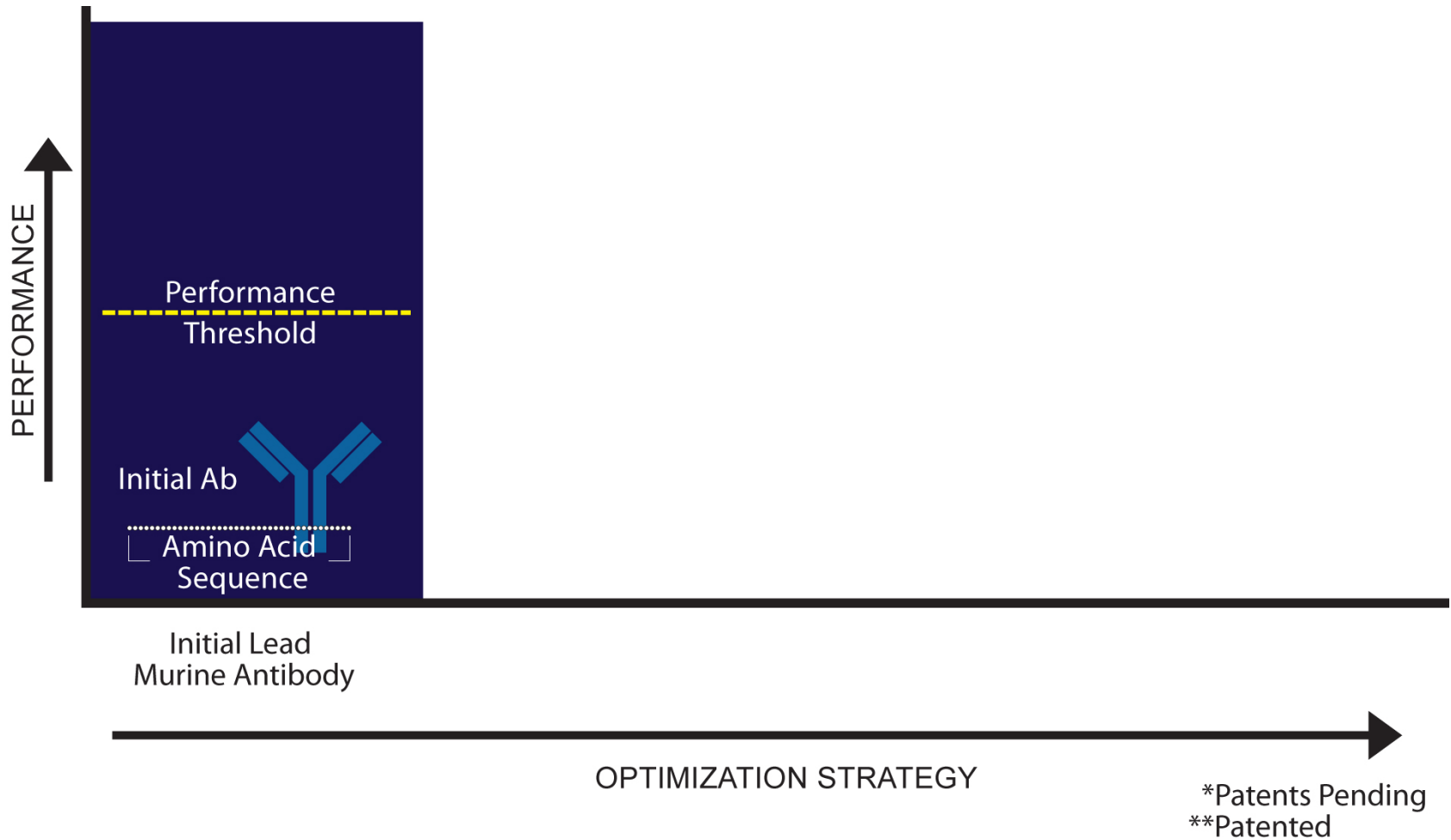


**MedEv<sup>™</sup>**  
**Platform**

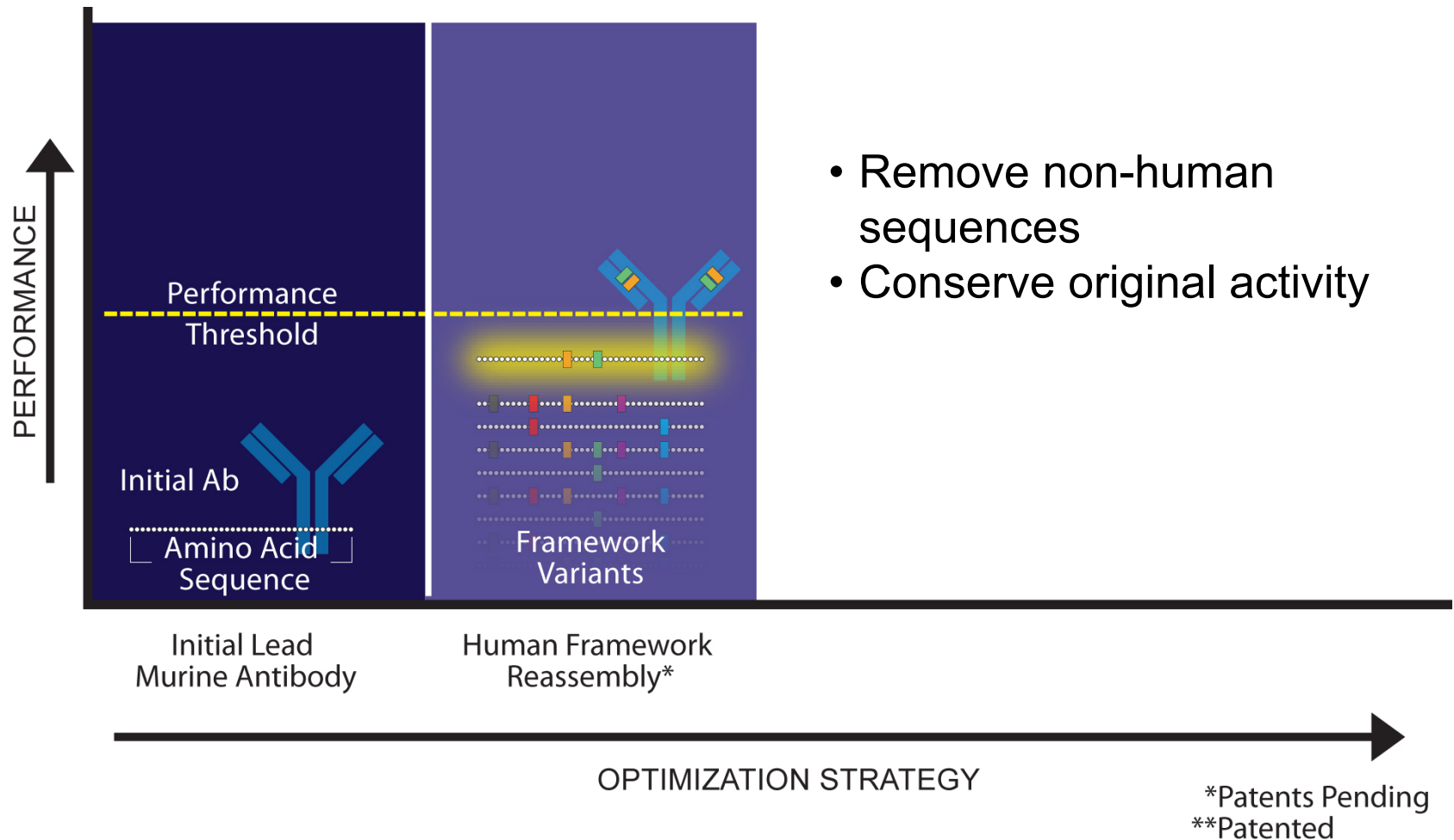
**Human Framework  
Reassembly<sup>™</sup>  
Platform**

- Comprehensive and rapid
- Broad evolution capability

# Improving the Properties of a Lead Antibody

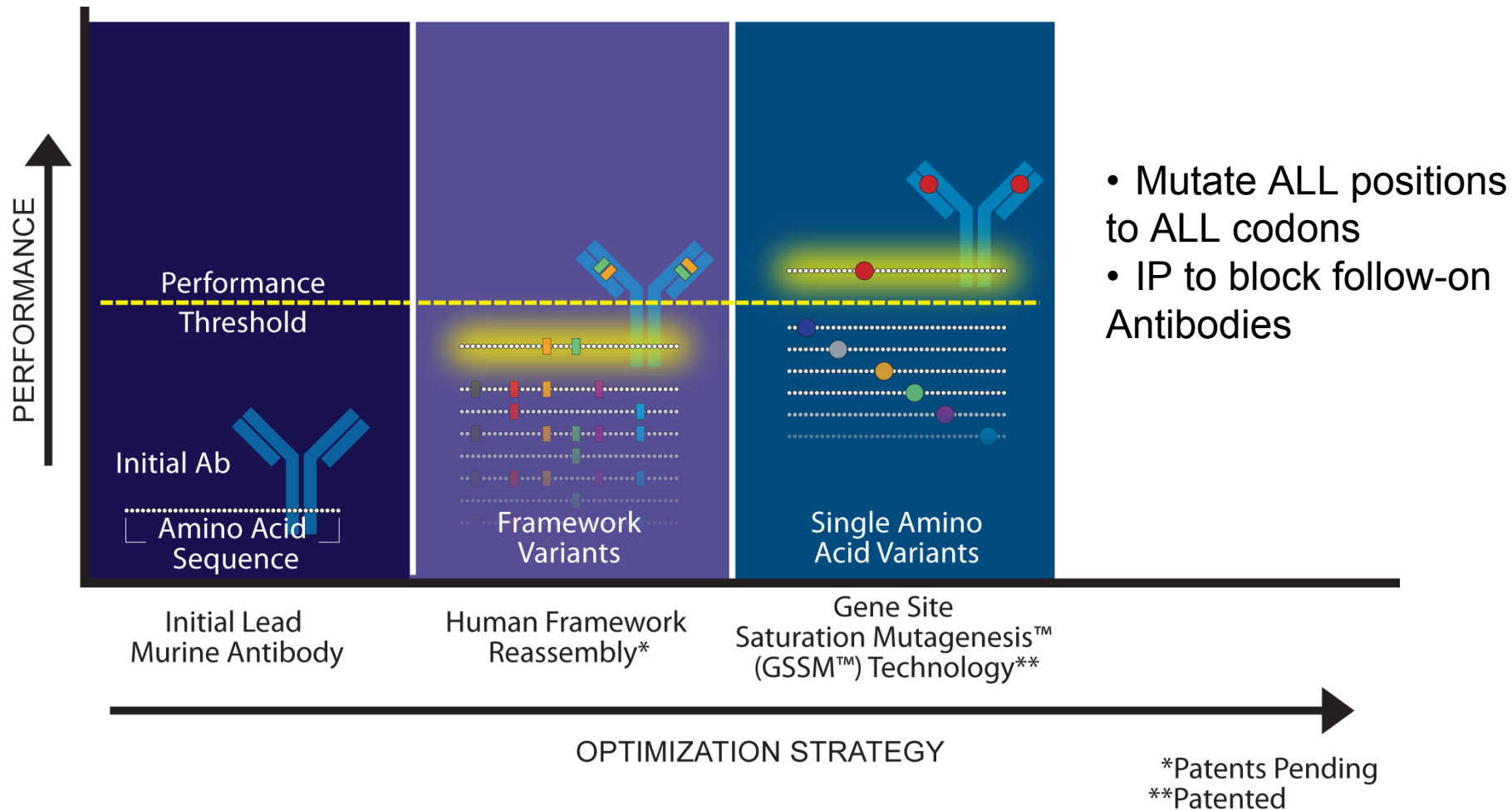


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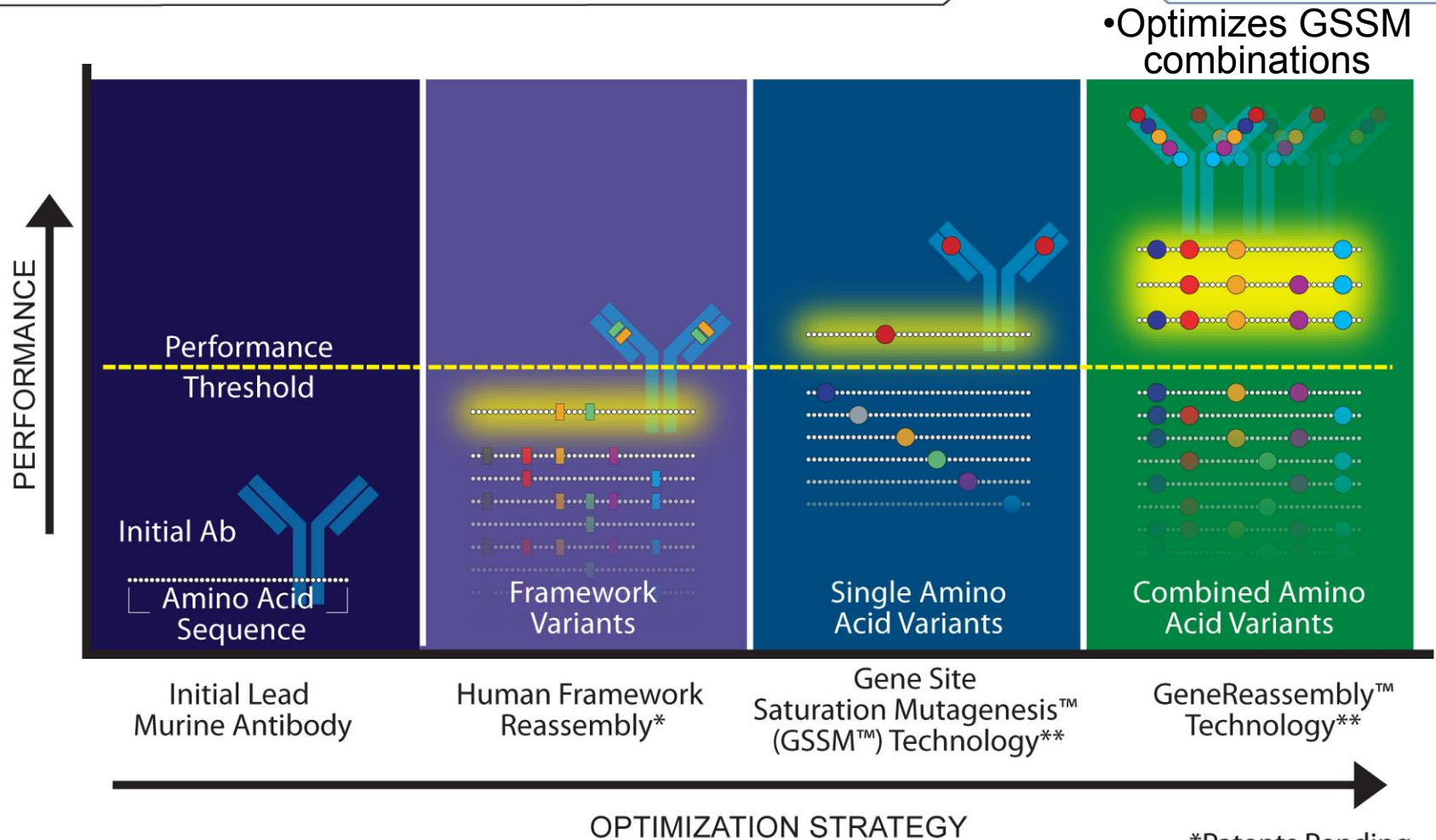




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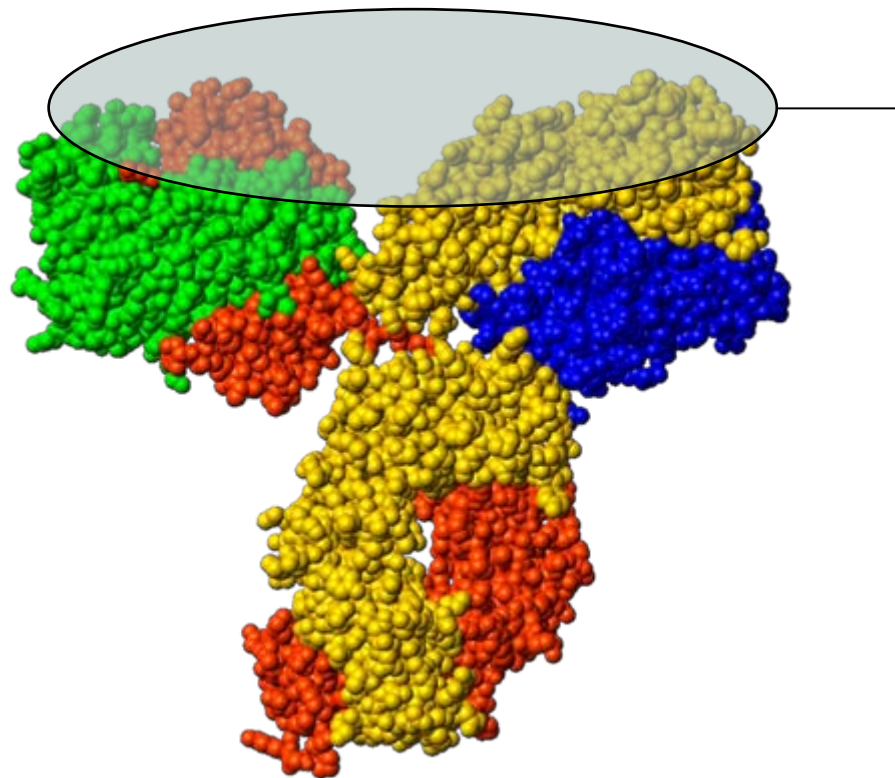


# Improving the Properties of a Lead Antibody



\*Patents Pending  
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# Antibody Optimization Examples



GSSM / GeneReassembly  
• Antigen Specificity

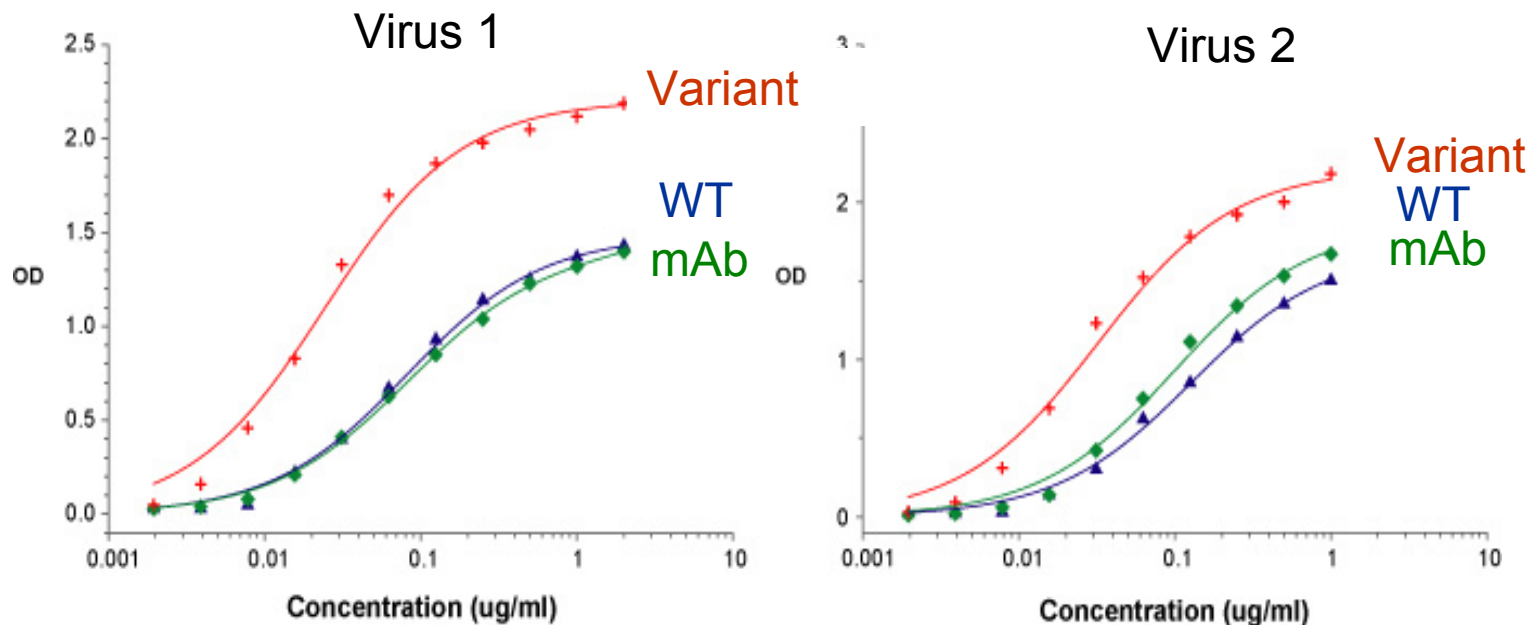
# Optimization of an Anti-Viral Antibody

## Goal:

- Improve Diagnostic Detection Sensitivity of a Pan Specific Anti-Viral Antibody
- Funded by NIH grant 1 U01 AI056422-01

# Optimization of an Anti-Viral Antibody

**The Up-variant recognizes several viral isolates and shows better binding than the parent antibody**



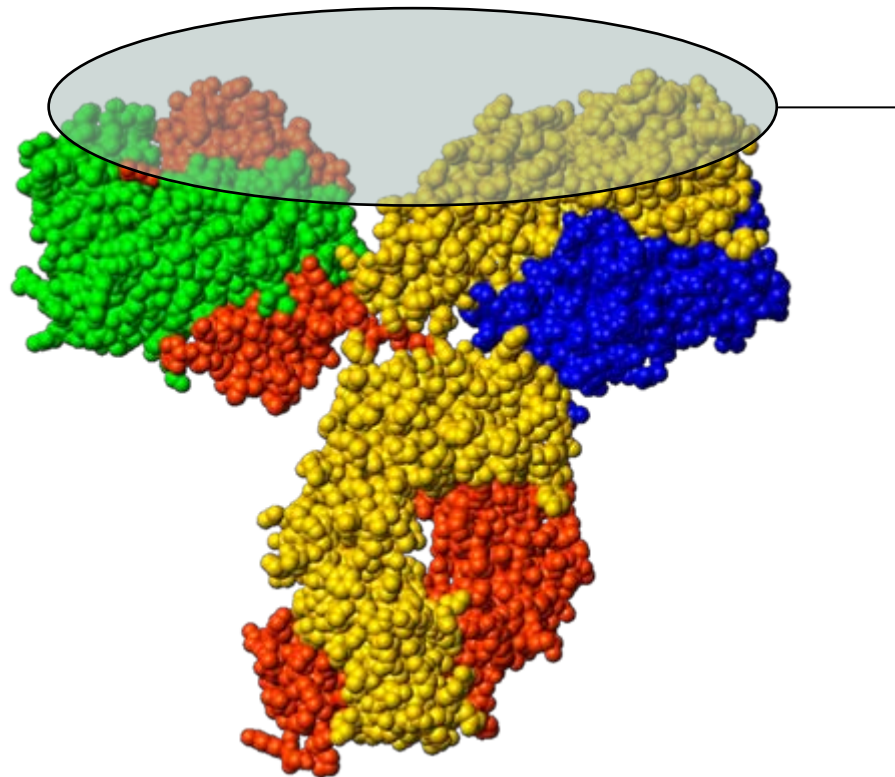
WT: anti-viral antibody IgG chimera

mAb: corresponding murine antibody

Variant : mutations at position 37 (HC) and position 49 (LC)



# Antibody Optimization Examples



## GSSM / GeneReassembly

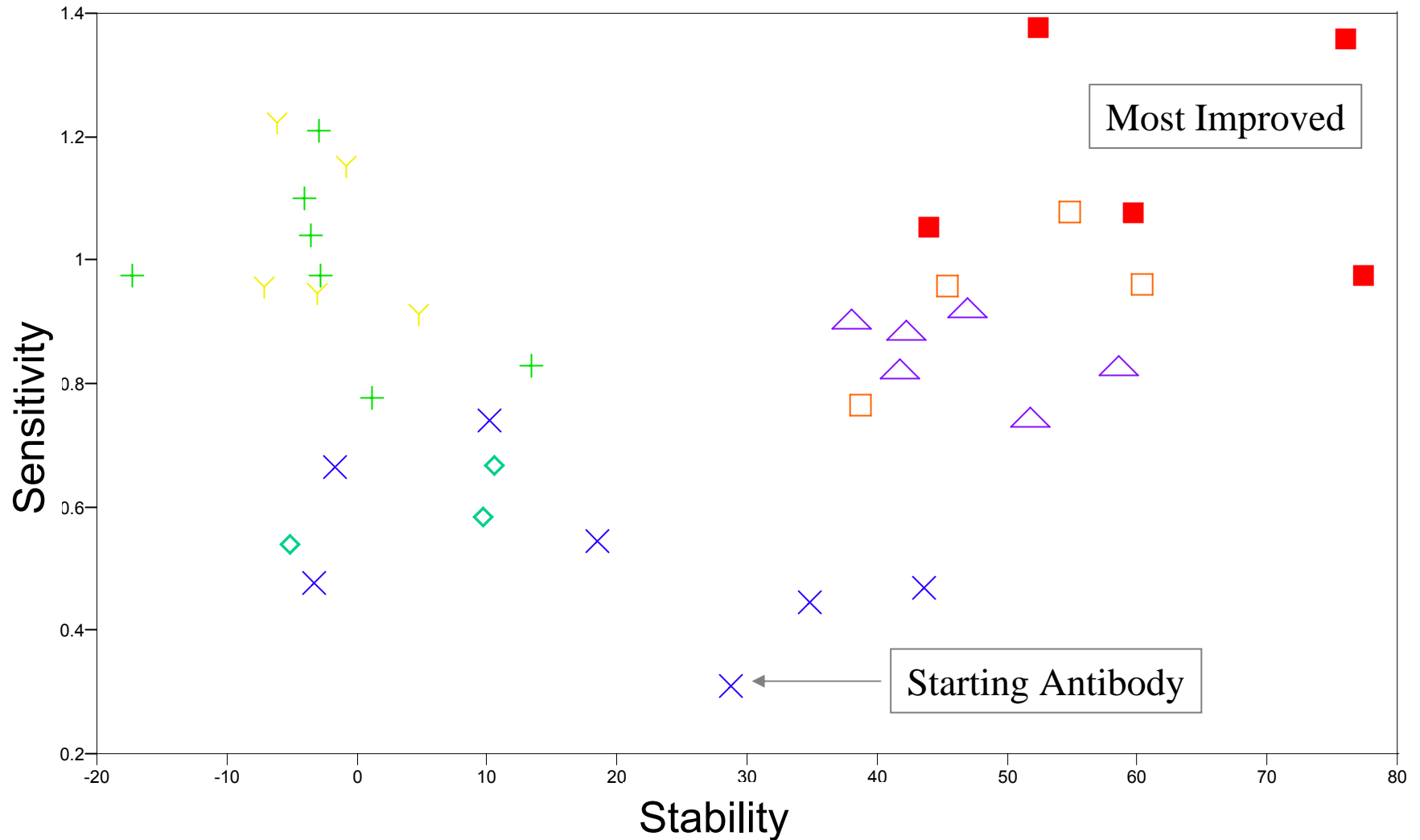
- Affinity
- Thermal Stability
- Expression

# Antibody Optimization

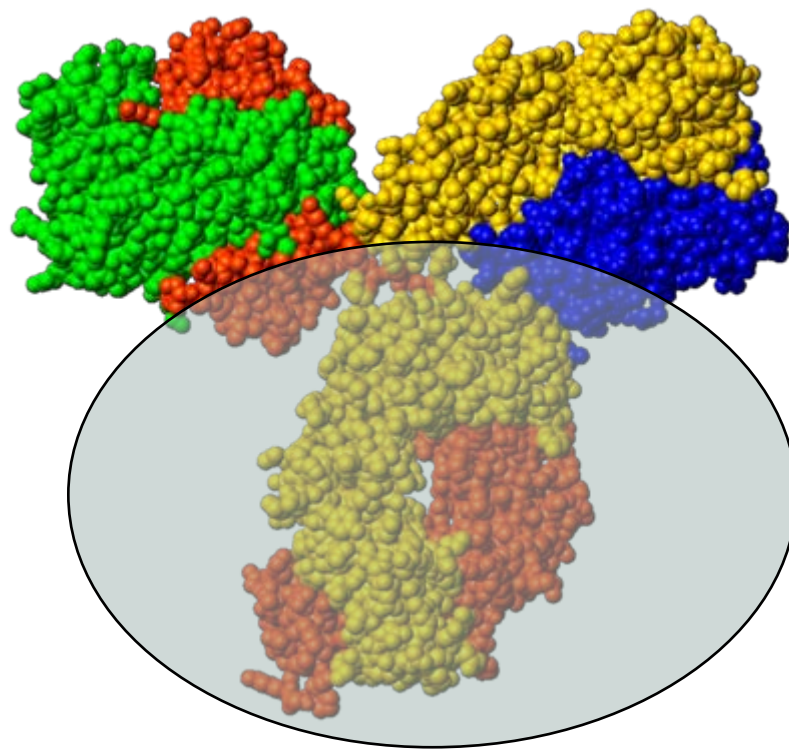
## Affinity

Variant	Mutations	$k_a$	$k_d$	BIAcore ( $K_D$ )		Sapidyne ( $K_D$ )
Parental Ab		$9.1 \times 10^5$	$8.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.8 \times 10^{-10}$	880 pM	286 pM
Div1	1	$8.7 \times 10^5$	$2.03 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.34 \times 10^{-10}$	234pM	20 pM
Div2	3	$7.0 \times 10^5$	$2.8 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.0 \times 10^{-10}$	400pM	
Div3	5	$1.36 \times 10^6$	$2.45 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-11}$	18pM	
Div4	5					2.5 pM
Div5	6					2.1 pM
Div6	5					1.3 pM
Div7	7	$8.8 \times 10^5$	$9.7 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-11}$	11pM	940 fM
Div8	5					670 fM

# Simultaneous Evolution for Multiple Properties



# Antibody Optimization Examples



Stability to pH and Proteases

# Antibody Optimization

## GI Stability


### GOAL

- Optimized, gut-stable antibody for oral delivery
  - Resistant to degradation by gastric and intestinal fluids (in vitro)
  - Retention of biological activity following oral dosing (in vivo)



# Antibody Optimization

## GI Stability

GI Stability Program	
Collaborator	
Goal	Generation of a gut stable, orally-delivered, therapeutic antibody
Target	Undisclosed

# Antibody Optimization

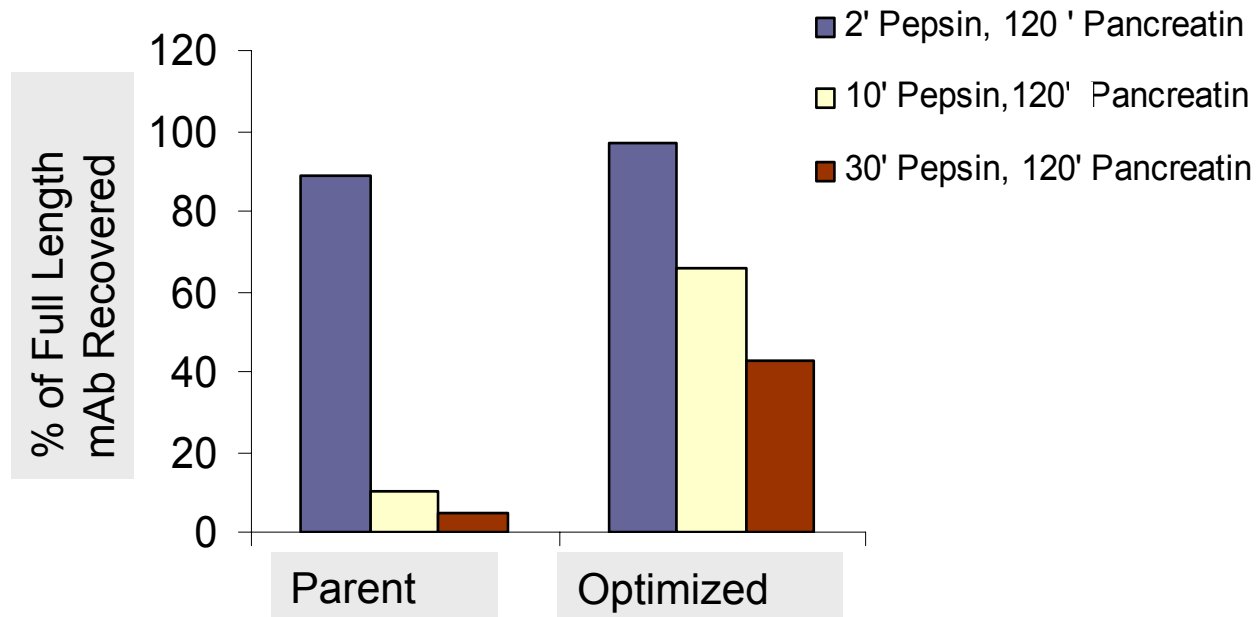
## GI Stability

### Program

- Create library of IgG variants
- Screen for in vitro resistance to simulated gastric and intestinal fluids
- Test lead candidate in vivo

# GI Stability - In vitro studies

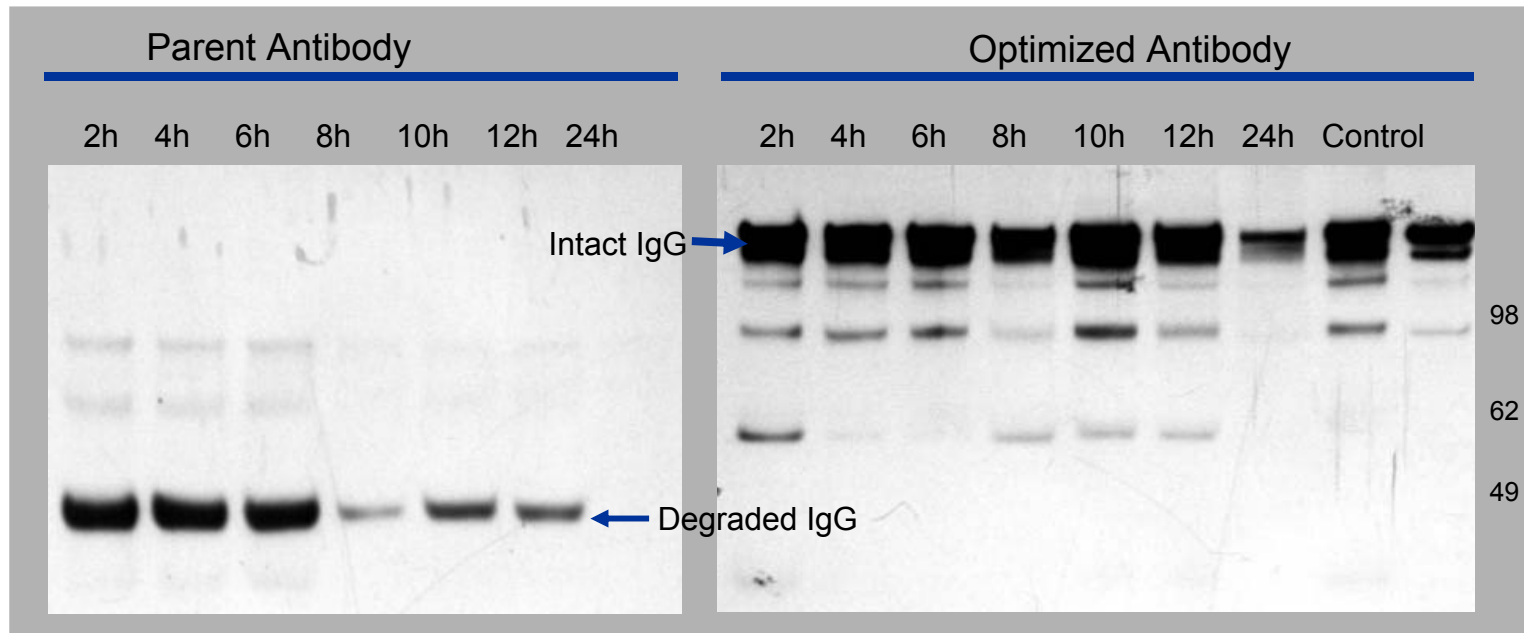
## Parental vs. optimized mAb in simulated gastric and intestinal fluids



- Antibodies were incubated with pepsin at pH 3 for 2', 10' and 30' followed by pancreatin digestion for 120'

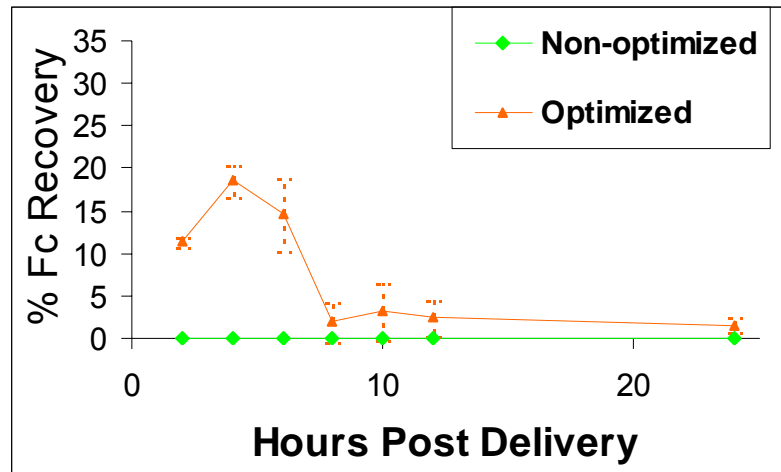
# GI Stability - In vivo Studies

Optimized IgG survived transit through the GI tract



# GI Stability - In vivo Studies

**Time course of Antibody Recovery from Mice Feces**  
**Mice were fed with 2.5 mg Antibody (pH 7.4)**



**The optimized antibody was recovered in fecal samples following transit in the GI tract**



# GI Stability - In vivo Studies

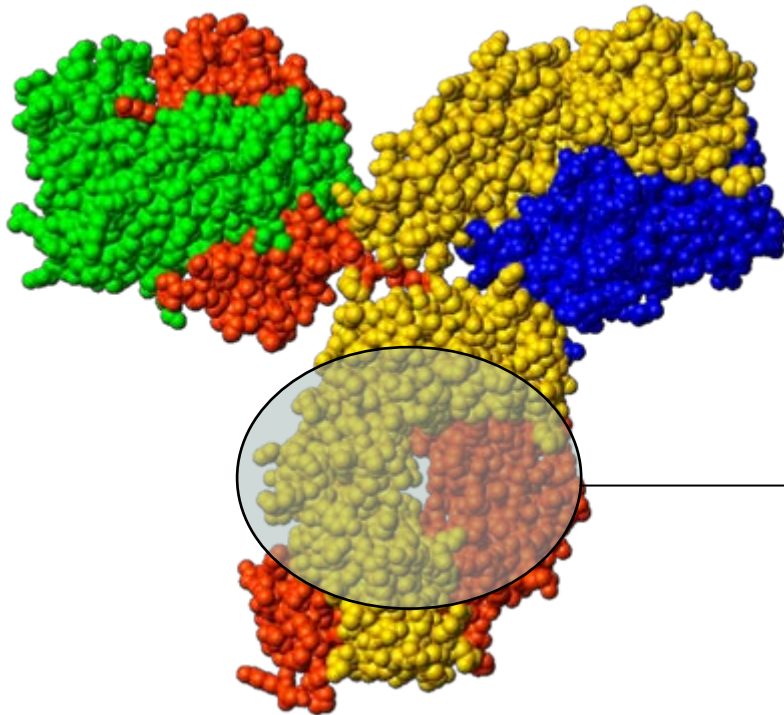
## **Cumulative Recovery from Mice Feces for 24 h after Oral Delivery** **Mice were fed with 2.5 mg Antibody (pH 7.4)**

	%Intact	%Fab
Optimized	55 ± 4	100 ± 9
Parent	0	65 ± 6

About 50% of the optimized antibody was recovered in fecal samples following oral administration and transit through the GI tract

# Antibody Enhancement Opportunities

## Fc Optimization



### GSSM / GeneReassembly

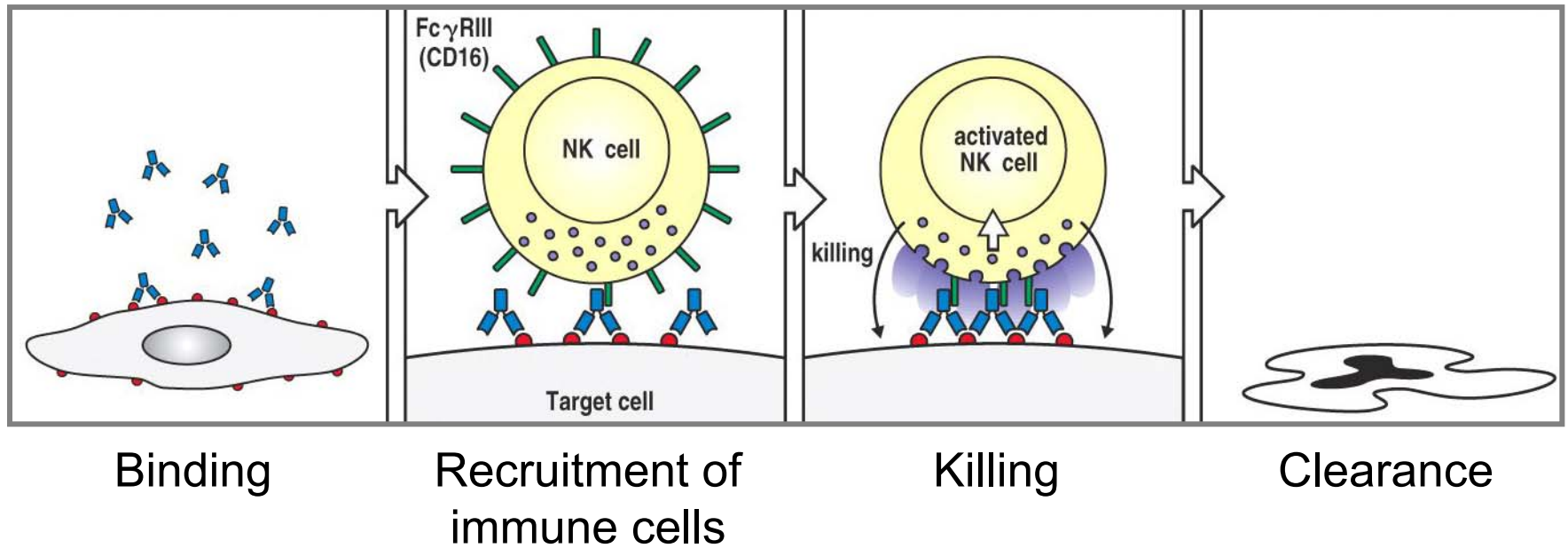
- Pharmacokinetics
- Complement
  - Lysis (CDC)
- Cellular Fc Receptors
  - Lysis (ADCC)
  - Phagocytosis

# Effector Functions Example

## ADCC

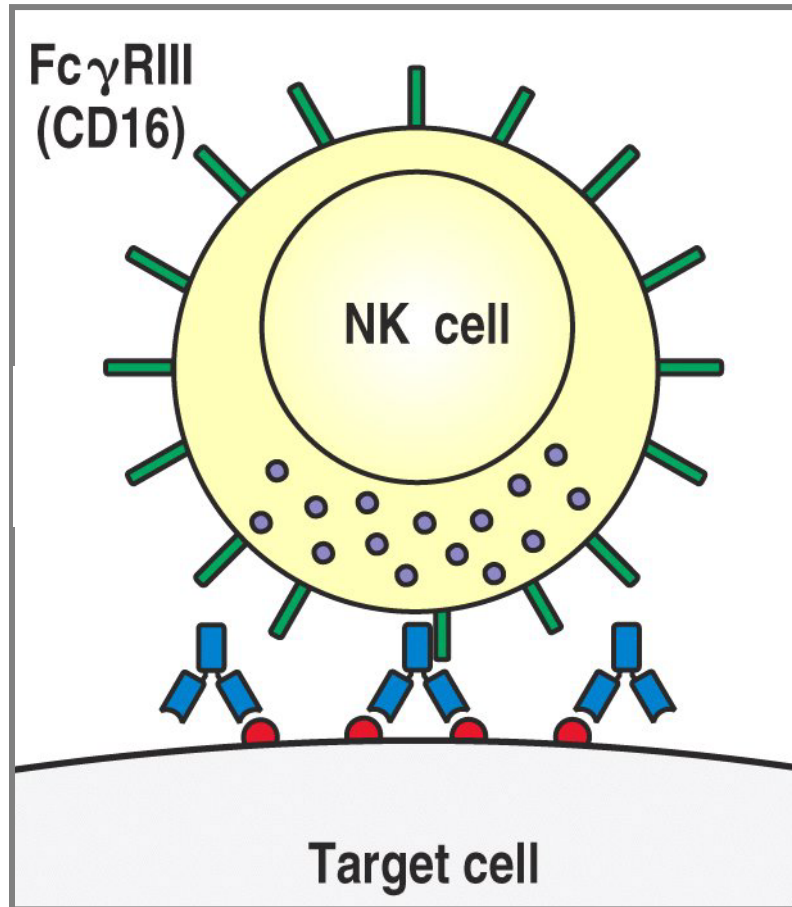
### ADCC

#### Antibody Dependent Cell Cytotoxicity



*From Immunobiology, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition*

# Effector Functions Example ADCC



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## Application

- Increase tumor cell clearance by ADCC

# Fc Optimization Program

## ADCC

### Fc Optimization Program

**Collaborator**

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**Goal**

Potency/efficacy  
enhancement via ADCC

**Target**

Oncology



# Fc Optimization Program Workflow

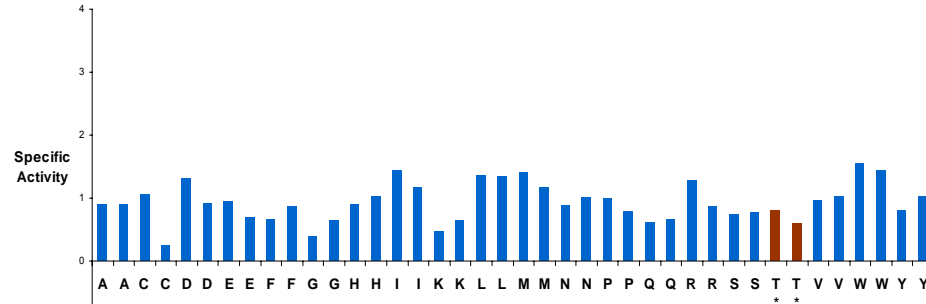
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- Create library of Fc variants
  - DirectEvolution<sup>®</sup> Technologies
    - GSSM<sup>™</sup> and Gene Reassembly<sup>™</sup>
- Fc variants screened as IgG
  - Profile binding properties of Fc variants in a panel of Fc receptors
  - Immune function assays

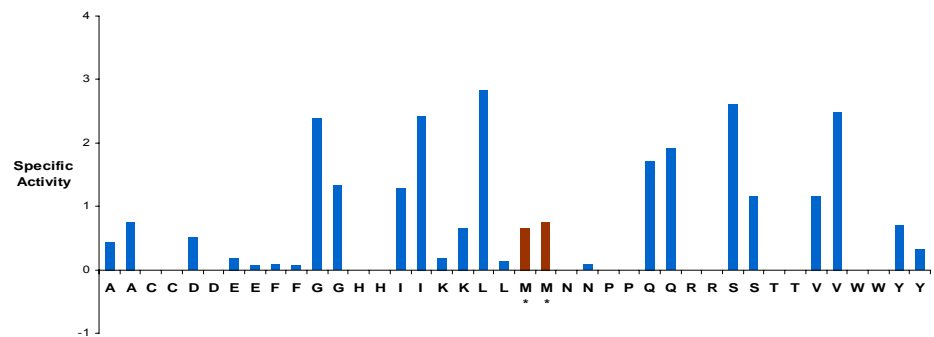
# Fc Functional Map

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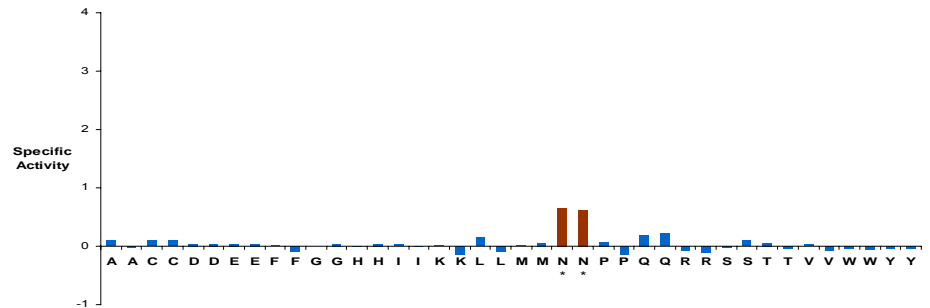
## Permissive Position



## Improved Position



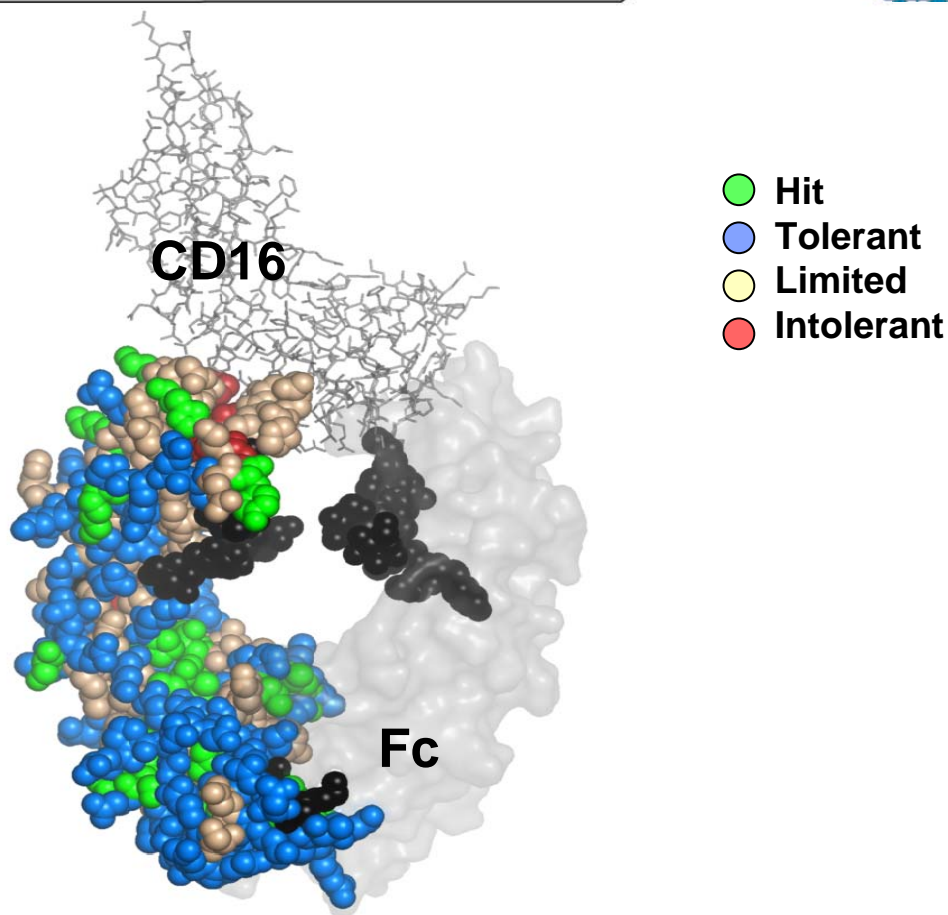
## Restrictive Position



Relative Specific Activity = Functional ELISA / Quant. ELISA

# Position Mapping of Residues with Enhanced Binding to Fc $\gamma$ RIII

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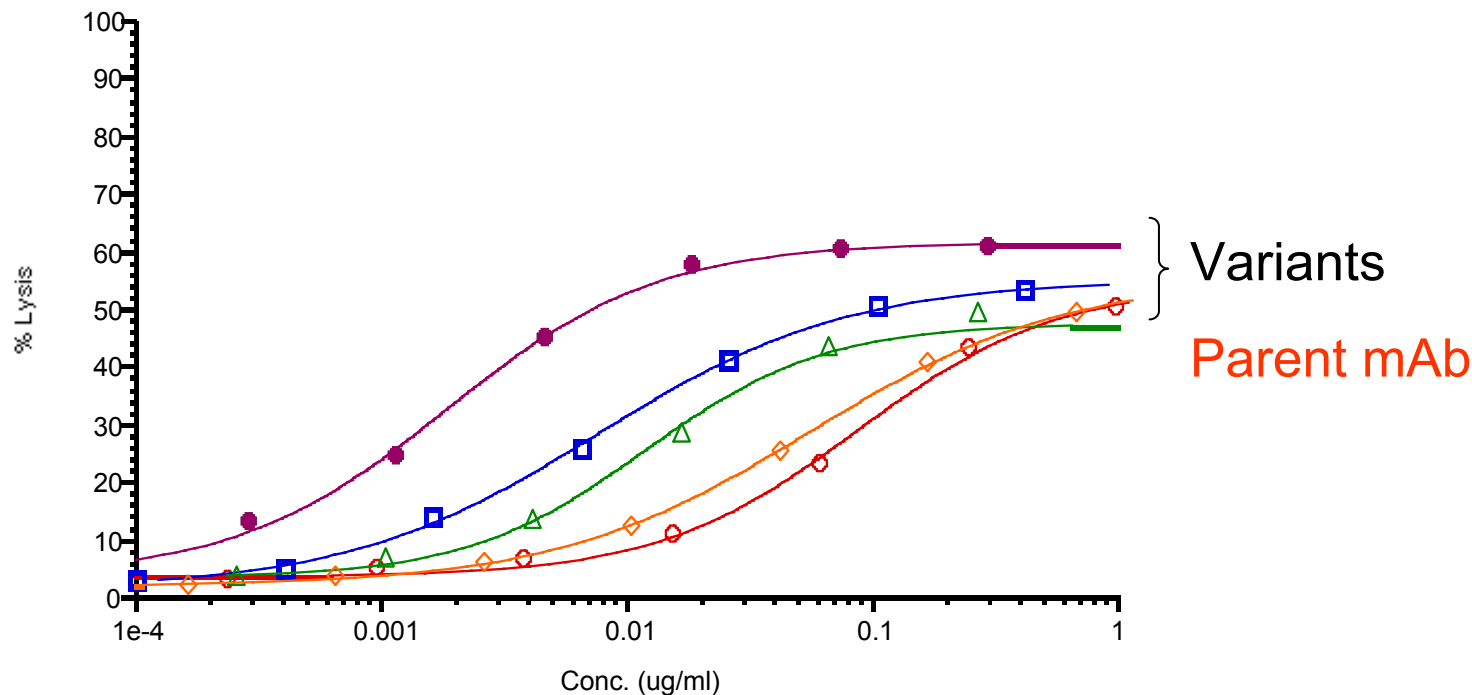


- Permissive positions are surface residues
- Intolerant positions are contact residues

# Efficacy and Potency of Parent vs. Fc Variant mAbs in ADCC Assays

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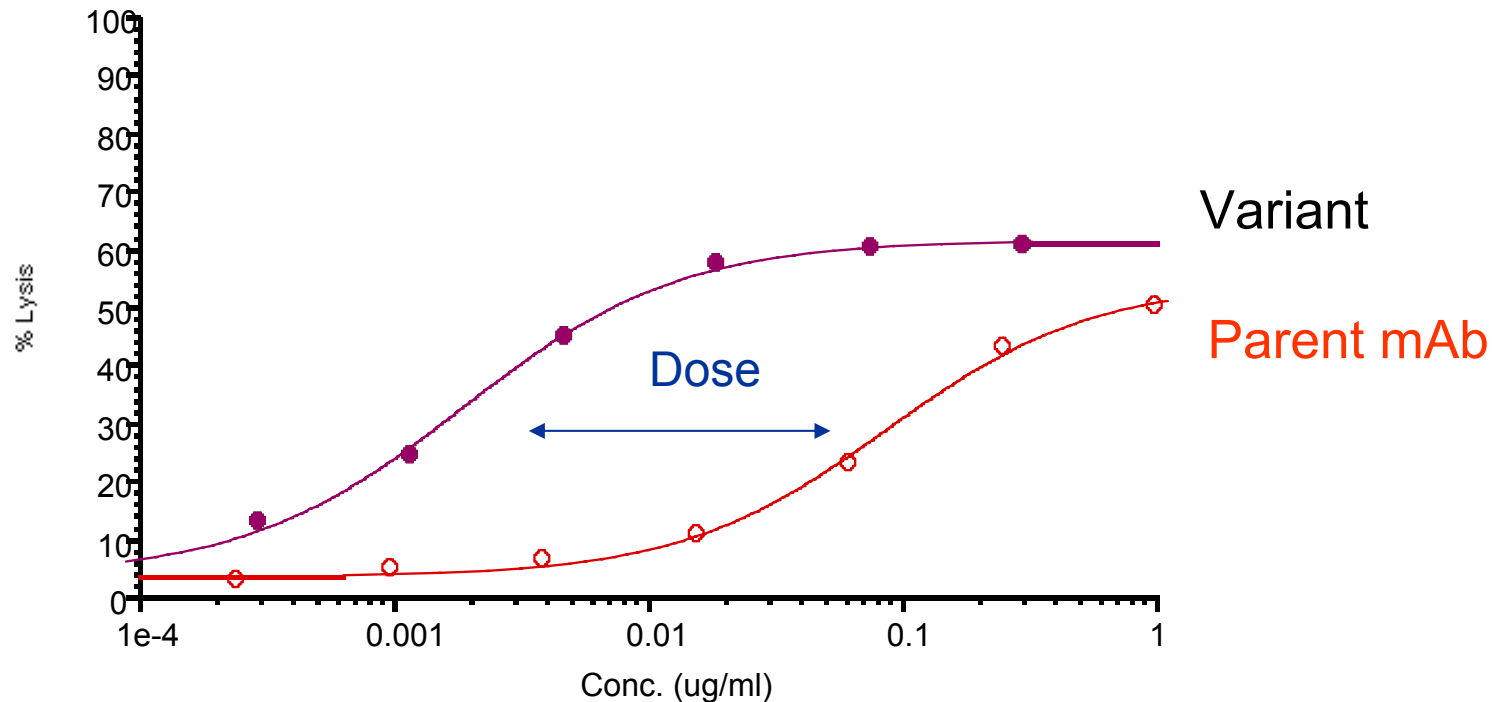
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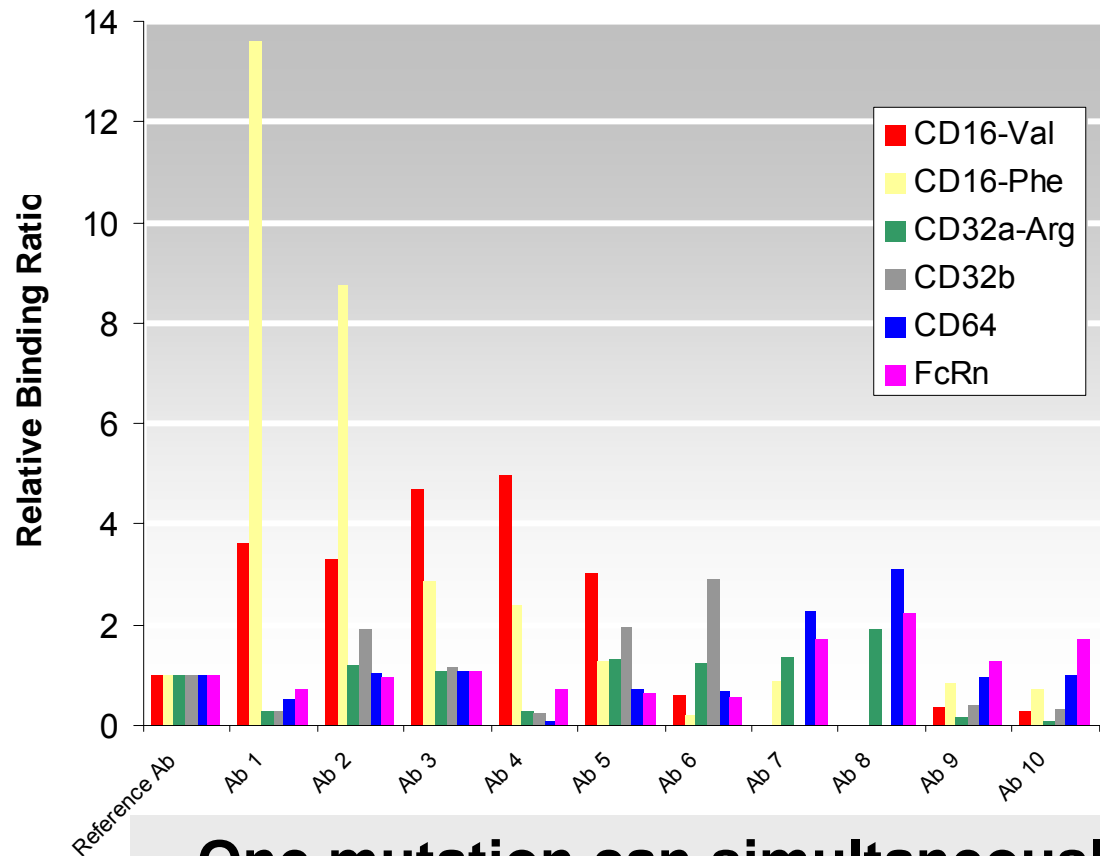
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**Tumor killing assays measure the % lysis of tumor cells in presence of mAbs and immune cells**



**Variants are more efficacious and more potent than the parental mAb**

# Binding Proprieties of Fc Variants to Panel of Fc Receptors



**One mutation can simultaneously increase binding to one receptor and decrease it to another one**

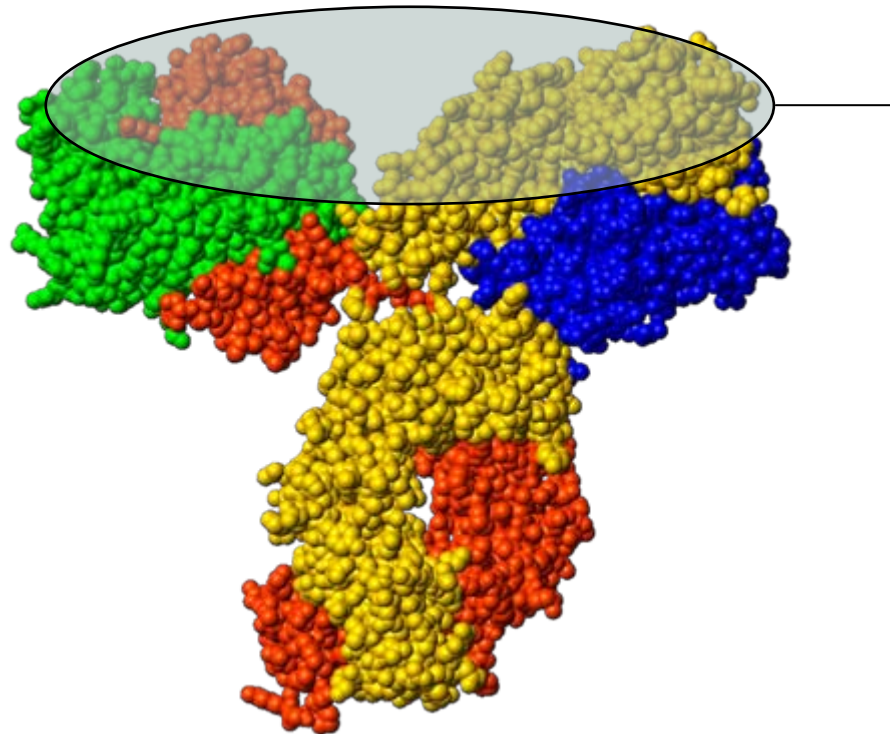
# Design Intended Effector Functions

The antibody structure can be designed to fit an intended therapeutic application

Effector function	Anti-tumor Ab	Anti-infective Ab	Conjugated Ab
ADCC	X		
CDC	X	X	
Phagocytosis		X	
IgG half-life	X	X	X
Increased binding	CD16,CD32aC D64,C1q, FcRn	CD32a, CD64, C1q, FcRn	
Decreased binding	CD32b		CD16,CD64 CD32a, CD32b, C1q, FcRn

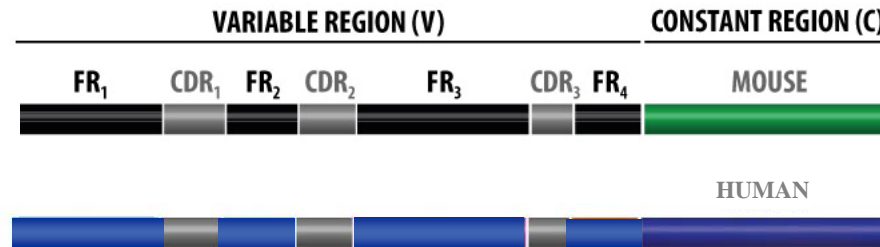
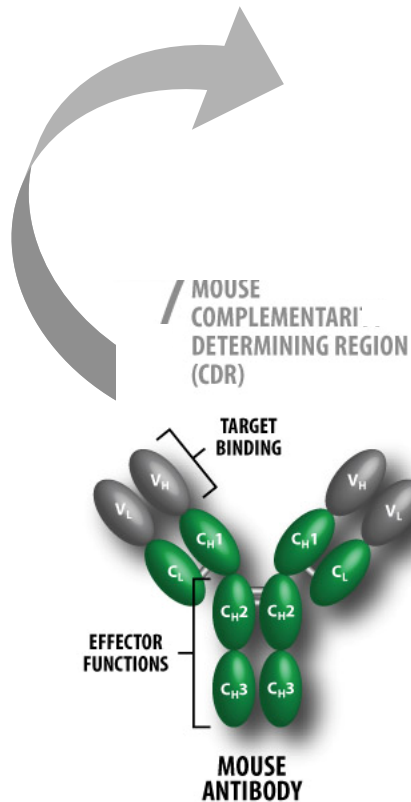


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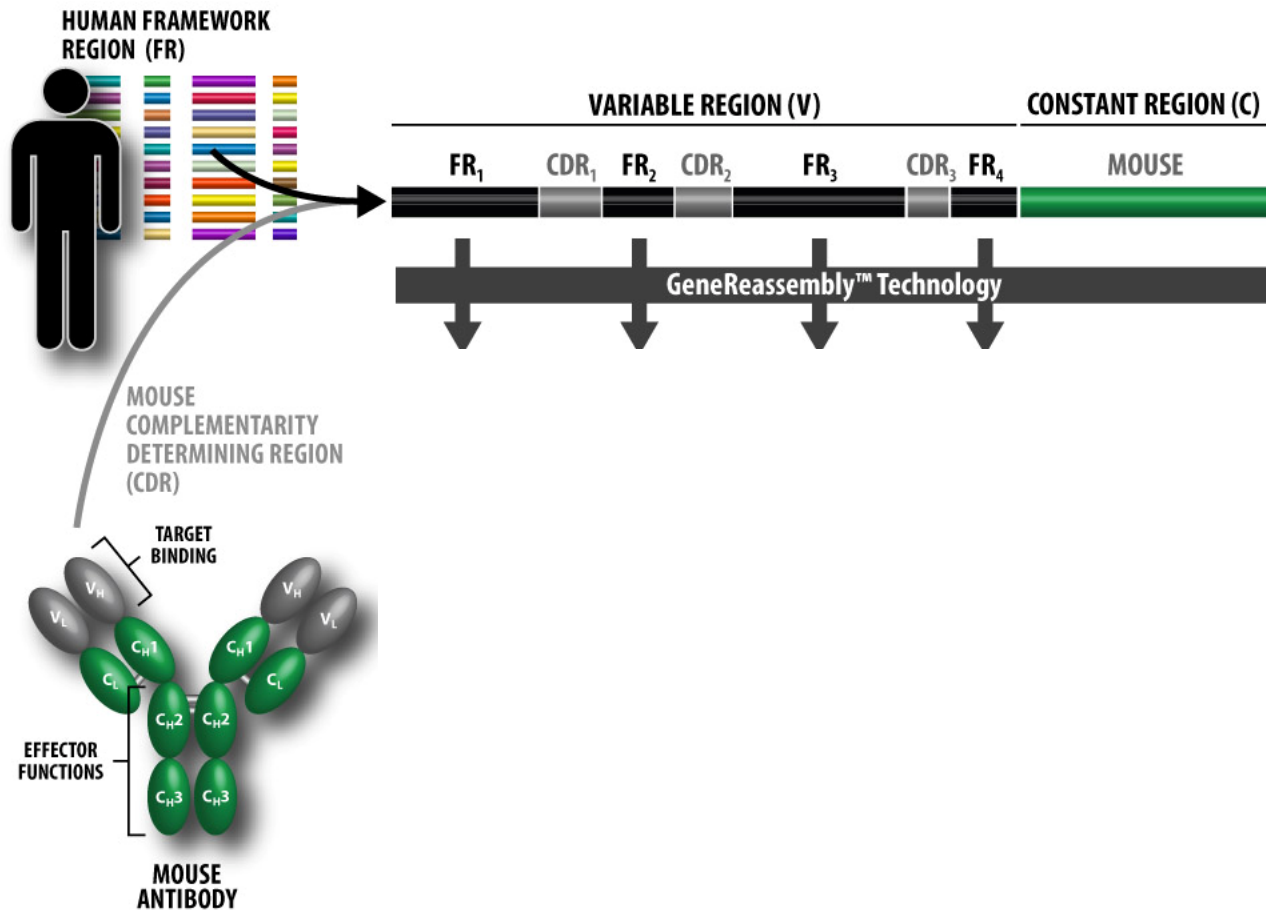
Human Framework  
Reassembly

# Traditional Antibody Humanization

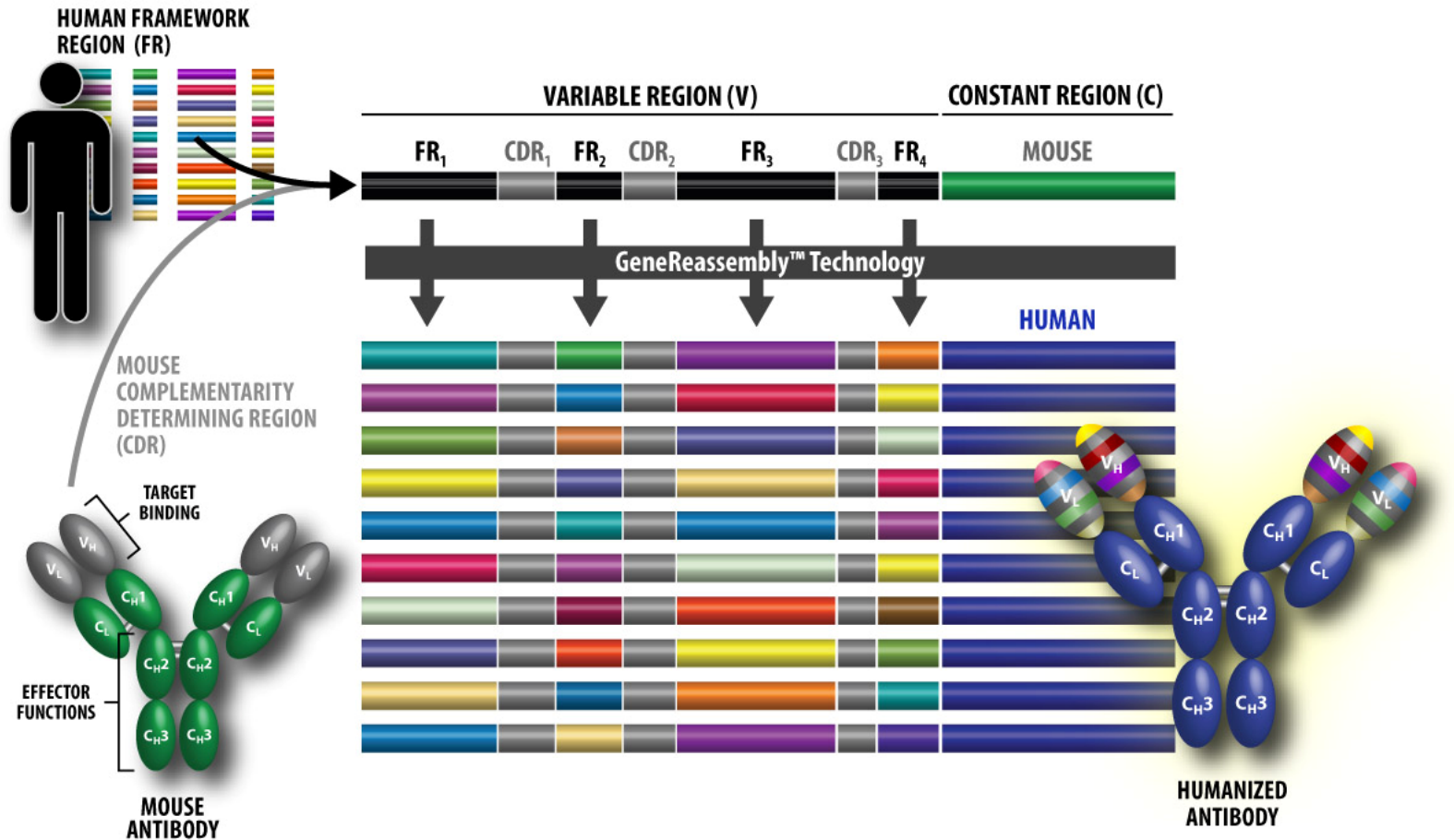


FR - HUMAN FRAMEWORK REGION  
CDR - COMPLEMENTARITY DETERMINING REGION

# Human Framework Reassembly



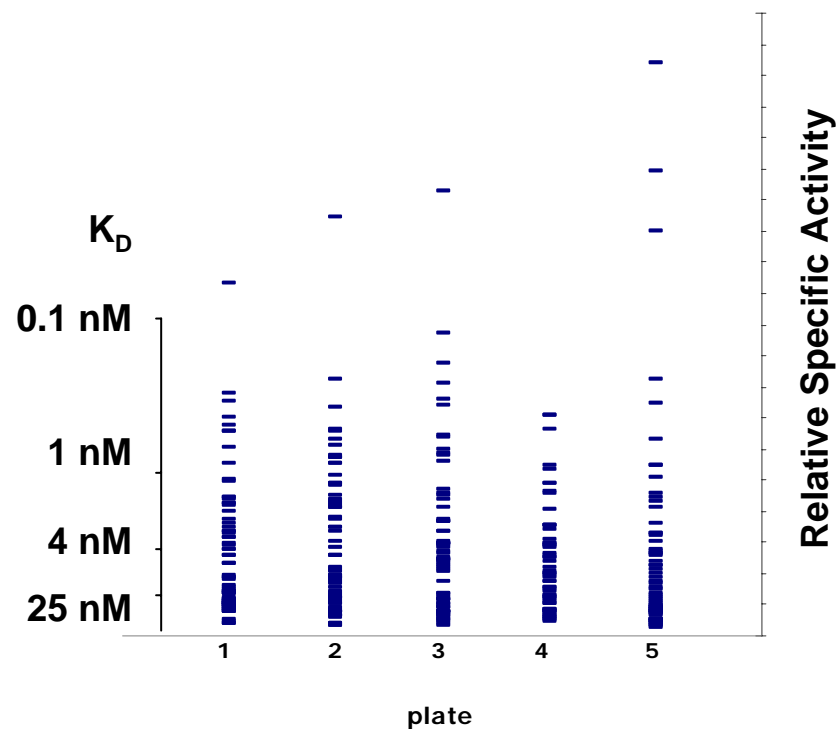
# Human Framework Reassembly



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- Example
  - Library built as Fab format

# Affinity Distribution for Reassembled Abs



# Human Framework Reassembly

- Create functional antibodies with fully human frameworks
- Advantages
  - Rapid process (~ 3 to 4 months)
  - Approach doesn't require any structural information
  - Backmutations are not required



# Diversa Antibody Optimization

Properties	Programs
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## Properties

Expression	*
Affinity	*
Stability	*
Human FR Reassembly	*
Class Switch	*
Protease Stability	*
Pan-Specificity	*

## Effector Functions

Enhanced ADCC	*
Decreased ADCC	*
Enhanced CDC	*
Phagocytosis	*

# Summary

- Ability to humanize murine antibodies
- Ability to optimize antibodies for multiple characteristics
- Ability to optimize Fc and effector functions
- Ability to optimize therapeutic proteins